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# Deputy cleared in shooting

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DALLAS — A Polk County deputy involved in a fatal shooting in early July will not face charges after a grand jury has unanimously deemed his actions as justified.

Deputy Casey Gibson shot and killed Joshua Anthony Bolster during a traffic stop and confrontation on Highway 22 on July 5.

Bolster, 29, repeatedly threatened officers on scene and refused to follow commands to get out of his car, said Polk County District Attorney Aaron Felton on Wednesday (Aug. 24).

He said because of Bolster's refusal to follow commands and his movements in the vehicle, deputies on scene didn't feel it was safe to approach the car.

"He said he would not be taken to jail and that they would have to shoot him," Felton said.

He said because of Bolster's "threatening mannerisms" deputies couldn't determine if he had weapons with him. Bolster was obstructed from view of the deputies.

"The legal standard is whether Gibson reasonably believed that he (Bolster) did (have a weapon) and if the threat of deadly physical force was imminent based on Bolster's actions," Felton said. "That was the standard the grand jury looked at."

The grand jury reviewed evidence in the case for eight hours on Aug. 24 before reaching its conclusion. Testimony from four deputies involved and officers from Salem and Monmouth police departments,

Oregon State Police, the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office and five citizen witnesses were heard by the grand jury.

According to information provided by the district attorney's office, at 9:18 p.m., Monmouth police officers responded to a report that Bolster had threatened a man with a four- to five-inch folding knife. Bolster left the apartment complex, where the incident took place, located at 302 Monmouth Ave. South before officers arrived.

At 9:21 p.m., Monmouth officers issued an "attempt to locate" Bolster based on the description of his vehicle, a blue 1990s Honda Accord. Because of the earlier incident, Monmouth PD had probable cause to arrest Bolster on unlawful use of a weapon, menacing and trespassing.

Polk County deputies Casey Gibson and Kelly Lorence found Bolster's car heading east on Highway 22 near milepost 23 and decided to conduct a "high risk" traffic stop.

Polk County Sheriff Mark Garton said officers decide to use high risk traffic stops when they have reason to believe that the subject might pose a threat to officers or when a crime is in progress.

"Based on information that Bolster may have had a weapon in the vehicle and had threatened other persons, Gibson and Lorence elected to perform a "high risk" traffic stop in the interest of office safety in apprehending Bolster and preventing further flight," the DA's account read.

Bolster pulled over without incident and the

deputies took cover behind the doors of their and drew their firearms and began giving commands for Bolster to get out of the vehicle. According to witnesses, they gave several commands.

During the exchange, two more Polk County deputies arrived on the scene, Michael Smith and Michael Lauderback. They also drew their firearms and began giving commands for Bolster to get out of the car.

Bolster did not comply with the orders, telling the deputies he would not go to jail, according to witnesses. He told deputies he needed to find his phone and, after that, began "rummaging in the car's interior." The deputies warned him that was threatening behavior, according to the DA's description.

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**Assault, robbery suspects arrested**  
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DALLAS — All three suspects in an Aug. 6 assault and robbery in Dallas have been arrested.  
The first to be found by police was Brandon Allen in Prineville during an investigation of a non-related domestic disturbance. He was taken into custody on Aug. 13, according to Dallas Police.  
The other two suspects, Stephanie Tomlinson and Bradley Scott, were arrested in Lake Havasu, Ariz. According to Dallas Police, Tomlinson was the suspect in a prostitution sting conducted by police in Arizona. When police there found the warrant for her arrest out of Oregon, they realized that Scott, who was in the area, had a warrant, too. The pair was arrested on August 22.  
The three suspects were wanted in connection with an assault at Dallas Mobile Home Village, 573 E. Ellendale Ave. Police said Tomlinson and Scott had recently met the victim of the crime. They went to the victim's home accompanied by Allen. Once inside the home, they robbed the resident at gun point.  
The resident, an adult male, resisted and a shot was fired by a suspect during the altercation, according to police.  
The victim was not shot — the bullet was fired into the roof of the home — but was struck in the head, probably with the pistol.



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About 50 farm workers are hired to work day and night during the hop harvest for Rogue Farms in Independence.

## Quality is good in this year's hop harvest, continuing through September

**By Emily Mentzer**  
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INDEPENDENCE — Trucks filled with hop bines rumble down Wigrich Road, heading to the drying and baling facility at Rogue Farms in Independence.

Hop cones lay scattered on the road, little thistles that got knocked from the bine on the journey. Most make it to the processing barns just down the road, where they are removed from the bine and dried over 150-degree heat for six to eight hours to preserve their valuable contents: lupulin.

"It is a polleny, powdery substance, and that's the stuff that creates the aromas and flavors that you get in your beer," said Kyle Ward, Rogue Farms tasting room manager.

Oregon has a reputation when it comes to aroma hops, said Michelle Palacios, administrator at the Oregon Hops Commission.

"Because of our climate, we grow exceptional aroma varieties," she said.

As customers look for more complex hop characters in their beers, the brewers seek a variety of hops to satisfy them.

"Brewers are using multiple varieties to obtain the hop flavors customers want," Palacios said.

Matt Sage, of Indie Hops, buys and sells hops, including quite a few varieties from Coleman Farm, where Rogue Farm leases its land.



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Inside the hop cone lies the lupulin, the powdery, aromatic substance that gives beer its hoppy flavors and inspires the brewer.

"The reason we have 12 varieties it gives a huge pallet for brewers to work with," he said, noting that it would be impossible to choose a favorite.

Hops in Oregon were worth \$34.56 million in 2015, and acreage has increased in Oregon by 16 percent. In 2015, Oregon farmers harvested 6,612 acres. In 2016, 7,669 acres will be harvested. More than half the hops grown in the United States are exported.

"We're seeing the craft brewing industry coming in Europe and, really, worldwide," Palacios said. "Those (Oregon) hops are going to be demanded nationally and internationally."

The harvest is good this year, Ward said, but Independence has a long history of growing quality hops. The area's latitude — 45 degrees north — helps. Ward said it is considered the Hop Belt.

"If you follow it over to Europe, that's where Germany is, with a similar climate to us, so it makes a lot of sense," he said. "In the Willamette Valley, and especially being right along the river, this is the perfect atmosphere for them."

Each year, the Willamette River floods the hop fields, which helps keep them saturated and soft — which helps keep them fertile, Ward explained.

"And they really need as much sun-

light as possible," he continued. "So our hot and dry summers help create that sunlight they really need to flourish. Also, being along the river, we're able to irrigate pretty easily."

Even so, it has been more than 80 years since Oregon has been considered the top hop-producing state in the nation, Palacios said. In the 1930s, downy mildew arrived, and Washington shifted to growing hops while Oregon farmers worked to fight the disease.

"We've never recovered that title," Palacios said.

It has been a good year for the hop harvest, which started a few days early.

"Hop ripening is dependent on the daylight change," Sage said. "It's the shortening of days that triggers the hop to bloom. They got an early start with a warm April and May, with cooler in mid-June to mid-July. Even though it's been on the hot side part of the week, the other part of the week it got cooler at night."

Sage said hops like the same weather as people: temperatures in the 80s during the day and cooler at night.

"When it gets into the 90s, it's kind of stressful," he said. "They like water, but not too much rain on them."

Rains expected later this week likely won't affect the harvest, which is in full swing, 24-hours a day, Palacios said.

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**THE NEXT 7 DAYS PLANNING FOR YOUR WEEK**

<b>wed</b> Come on out to the final Music in the Park in Monmouth to hear the Celtic rhythms of Coming Up Threes. 6:30 p.m. Free.  Showers Hi: 71 Lo: 53	<b>thu</b> Pick up the latest, freshest vegetables and fruits at the Polk County Bounty Market at the Academy Building lawn. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free.  Cloudy Hi: 70 Lo: 50	<b>fri</b> Guthrie Park acoustic music jam session takes place on Kings Valley Highway in Dallas. Bring an instrument. 6:30 p.m. Free.  Cloudy Hi: 68 Lo: 50	<b>sat</b> A garage saler's dream come true is at Main Street Park today as the Community Yard Sale takes up the park. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free.  Partly cloudy Hi: 73 Lo: 49	<b>sun</b> Free singing lessons are offered at St. Thomas Episcopal Church during From the Heart Community Sing. 1:30 to 3 p.m. Free.  Partly sunny Hi: 74 Lo: 50	<b>mon</b> Happy Labor Day! Most schools begin tomorrow, so remember to drive safely and watch for more traffic — cars, bikes and walkers.  Partly cloudy Hi: 75 Lo: 51	<b>tue</b> James2 Community Kitchen will host free dinner for all who are hungry at St. Philip Catholic Church. 4:30-6 p.m. Free.  Partly cloudy Hi: 77 Lo: 52
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